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Before the COPYRIGHT ROYALTY TRIBUNAL Washington, D.C.

In the Matters of:

1985 CABLE ROYALTY
DISTRIBUTION PROCEEDING

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Docket No. 87-2-85CD

Docket No. 88-2-86CD

COMMENTS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY
OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS,
BROADCAST MUSIC, INC. AND SESAC, INC. ON
ALLOCATION OF 1985 AND 1986 CABLE ROYALTIES

- 1. The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, Broadcast Music, Inc. and SESAC, Inc. (collectively, the "Music Claimants"), hereby file comments in response to the Tribunal's Notice Requesting Comments of Parties Entitled to 1985 and 1986 Cable Royalties, dated March 1, 1989.
- 2. The Tribunal noted that, although the Copyright Office has received late-filed 1985 and 1986 cable compulsory license fees, the Copyright Office's Licensing Division is at present unable to allocate precisely those monies among the Basic, 3.75 and Syndex funds for each

- year. 1/ The Tribunal asked those entitled to the royalties whether they wish to wait an unspecified period of time for the Licensing Division to complete the actual breakdown for the late payments and adjustments (which the Licensing Division has described as "an overwhelming task"), or simply project the earlier computations for each year's breakdown of the three funds.
- 3. The Music Claimants, unlike all other Phase I claimant groups, received the same percentage of each of the three funds for the years in question. Accordingly, whether an accurate but time-consuming and perhaps practically impossible computation of the three funds is made, or an admittedly inaccurate but immediate and practical projection of the three funds is used, is irrelevant to our distribution.
- 4. We recognize that other claimant groups may wish to advocate one position or the other. In our view, given that our distribution will be the same regardless of which approach is followed, we seek the promptest distribution

The Licensing Division informs us that, as of March 2, 1989, the total 1985 fund is \$501,427.45; as of April 13, 1989, the total 1986 fund is \$3,014,311.21.

possible subject to a computation of reasonable accuracy and practicality.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing "Comments of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, Broadcast Music, Inc. and SESAC, Inc. on Allocation of 1985 and 1986 Cable Royalties" was served on this 10th day of March, 1989, via first-class mail, postage prepaid, to each of the parties on the attached service list.

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